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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- (Original) A method for tracking projects comprising:
 providing a project summary screen;
 receiving proposal parameters;
 freezing the proposal parameters;
 presenting the proposal parameters to at least one reviewer; and
 receiving a decision regarding the proposal parameter from the at least one reviewer.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving revisions to the proposal parameters prior to freezing the proposal parameters.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving a designation of reviewers.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 unfreezing the proposal parameters after receiving a decision so as to allow revisions to
 the proposal parameters.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving comments from the at least one reviewer regarding the proposal parameters; storing the comments with the proposal parameters; and presenting the comments along with the proposal parameter to a subsequent reviewer.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: converting the proposal to a project after receiving a decision; and tracking the progress of the project.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising: indicating the status of the project based on automatic comparison to previously approved parameters.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein indicating the status of the project includes color coding project parameters.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving attached documents; storing the attached documents; and presenting the attached documents to the reviewer.
- 10. (Currently Withdrawn) A method for submitting a project proposal comprising: initiating a proposal idea; formulating goals and objectives for the proposal; entering proposal parameters in to a system for tracking proposals; and receiving a decision regarding the proposal.
- 11. (Currently Withdrawn) The method of claim 10, further comprising: selecting reviewers for the proposal.
- 12. (Currently Withdrawn) The method of claim 10, further comprising: receiving an indication that the proposal will not move forward in a current form; revising the proposal; and resubmitting the revised proposal through the system for tracking proposals.
- 13. (Original) A system for tracking proposals comprising: a server for presenting a project summary screen and receiving proposal parameters; and a database for storing the project parameters and providing the proposal parameters when requested.

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14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the server is configured to freeze the proposal parameters stored in the database.

- 15. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the server presents the proposal parameters to reviewers.
- 16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the server receives and stores comments from the reviewers.
- 17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the comments are presented along with the proposal parameters to subsequent reviewers.
- 18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the server receives a decision regarding the proposal parameters from the reviewers.
- 19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the server unfreezes the proposal parameters and allows the proposal parameters to be revised.
- 20. (Original) A system for tracking proposals comprising: means for receiving proposal parameters; means for presenting the proposal parameters to reviewers; and means for freezing the proposal parameters so that each reviewer reviews the same proposal parameters.
- 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising: means for selecting the reviewers.
- 22. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising: means for receiving a decision from the reviewers.

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23. (Original) The system of claim 22, further comprising:
means for unfreezing the proposal parameters to allow for revision.

- 24. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising: means for converting the proposal to a project; and means for tracking the project.
- 25. (Original) The system of claim 24, further comprising:
 means for visually indicating the status of project parameters based on automatic comparison to previously approved parameters.
- 26. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising:
 means for receiving attached documents with the proposal parameters; and
 means for presenting the attached documents to the reviewers.